

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 27, 29-31, 33-38, 40, 42-44, and 48-52 are pending. Claims 27, 35, 38, and 42 have been amended. Claims 48-52 have been added. Support for new and amended claims can be found in the specification, specifically page 11, lines 11-14 and originally filed claims 7-8.

35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 27, 29-31, 33-38, 40, and 42-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. These claims have been amended, without prejudice, to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants submit claims 27, 29-31, 33-38, 40, and 42-44 comply 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 27, 29-31, 33-38, 40, and 42-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims in light of the amendments and following remarks.

The cited references, individually and in combination, do not discuss or suggest each and every feature of the present invention as claimed. For example, independent claim 27 recites, in part, "... further doping the first pocket implant and the second pocket implant with a blanket implant" Similarly, independent claims 35, 38, and 42 recite, in part, "... the first and second pocket implants are further doped with a blanket implant." Nowhere do the cited references discuss or suggest this feature.

Accordingly, claims 27, 35, 38, and 42 should be allowed for at least this reason. Claims 29-31, 33-34, 36-37, 40, 43-44, and 48-52, which depend from above independent claims, should be allowed for at least a similar rationale as discussed for the independent claims, as well as the additional features they recite.

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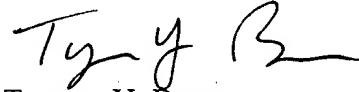
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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